Statement-B

Details of estimated expenditure on Modernisation of Post Offices in 1994-95

S.No.	Name of Circle	Expenditure incurred for modernisation of P.Os in 94-95 (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	64.51
2.	Assam	6.51
3.	Bihar	4.81
4.	Delhi	67.48
5.	Gujarat	27.50
6.	Haryana	16.65
7.	Himachal Pradesh	24.50
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.78
9.	Karnataka	22.09
10.	Kerala	6.50
11.	Madhya Pradesh	30.30
12.	Maharashtra	85.96
13.	North East	9.36
14.	Orissa	32.77
15.	Punjab	13.03
16.	Rajasthan	20.08
17.	Tamil Nadu	82.52
18.	Uttar Pradesh	65.74
19.	West Bengal	25.65

Pollution in the National Capital

1190. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the high lavel of pollution in the National Capital has caused sharp increase in corollary heart diseases, e.g., asthama, allergy, skin diseases, eye diseases and many more;

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to control the high level of pollution which is 1280 tonne per day; and

(c) what are the results of the steps Government have already taken on the decrease in pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) There is no scientific data available to suggest that there is an increase in cases of asthma and heart diseases in Delhi.

(b) and (c) A number of steps have been taken by the Government to control environmental pollution in Delhi. These include:

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed.

(ii) A notification stipulating the ambient air quality standards has been issued.

(iii) Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment on a time-bound basis and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(iv) Unleaded petrol has been introduced with effect from 1st April, 1995 to be used in cars fitted with catalytic converters.

(v) A High Powered Committee (HPC) was constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Environment & Forests, Government of India to draw up a Comprehensive Action Plan on Environment and Pollution Control in Delhi which submitted its report on August 3, 1994. The Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) Delhi has accepted, in principle, the recommendations of the HPC report and an Implementation Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of NCT Delhi for implementing its recommendations.

(vi) Standards for emissions from vehicles both at the manufacturing stage and at the in-use stage

have been notified under Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. A programme for effective compliance with these standards has been initiated. Stricter standards for vehicles at the manufacturing stage to come into effect from April 1, 1996, have been notified.

(vii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for sitting and operation of industries.

(viii) Industries have been asked to comply with consent require requirement of the State Pollution Control Boards.

(ix) Public awareness campaigns are being carried out from time to time to educate people about statutory punitive provisions and the health hazards related to vehicular pollution.

Project Directors Working in TCIL

1191. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TCIL and DOT employees on deputation to Telecommunication Consultants India Limited and working in foreign projects of TCIL togetherwith names of countries;

(b) the names of Project Directors of TCIL working for more than five years in one country togetherwith the details of projects and emoluments drawn and the number of years of posting;

(c) the names and details of persons who have served at one place for five years and more and who had been transferred during the past one year; and

(d) the names and other details in respect of persons where transfer orders were not effect togetherwith the reasons in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) A total of 916 employees of TCIL and DOT on deputation to TCIL are working in foreign projects of TCIL in the following countreis:—

(1) Zimbabwe, (2) Benin, (3) Mozambique, (4) Syria, (5) Botswana, (6) Nigeria, (7) Mauritius, (8) Saudi Arabia, (9) Tanzania, (10) Netherlands, (11) Indonesia, (12) Kuwait, (13) Y.A.R., (14) Oman, (15) Ghana.

(b) Shri Sushil Prakash is working in Zimbabwe Project for the last 11 years. Emoluments drawn by him during 1994-95 are equivalent to Rs. 4,52,599/-. The projects being executed are operation and Maintenance, rehabilitation and cable planning works of Post and Telecom. Corporation, Zimbabwe.

(c) Shri Sushil Prakash, Project Director, TCIL at Zaimbabwe.

(d) Transfer orders could not be effected in the case of Shri Sushil Prakash, Project Director, Zimbabwe due to the requirement of approval of bio-data of substitutes, sanction of visa of substitute and issue of air ticket from India to Harare by PTC Zimbabwe.

Re-Spacing of Signals between VT and Kalyan

1192. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Central Railway have so far taken on re-spacing of signals between VT and Kalyan;

(b) what are the details of stations which have been identified for immediate face-lift and extending of platforms to accommodate 12 coach rakes; and